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Dear Josh:

On August 13, 1964, the organization of Scientists and Engineers for Johnson-Humphrey was announced. The initial organizing group included many of the most well-known men in American science. It is not possible in this letter to give the complete list but it includes Luis Alvarez, Detlev Bronk, Owen Chamberlain, Peter Goldmark, George Kistiakowsky, Charles Lauritsen, Gerard Piel, Emanuel Piore, Kenneth Pitzer, Roger Revelle, Harold Urey, Dudley White, Warren Weaver, Jerome Wiesner and Vladimir Zworykin.

My decision to participate in the campaign was based upon the conviction that Mr. Goldwater possesses neither the depth, nor the responsibility, nor the restraint required of a President of the United States. While I cannot endorse every action of the Kennedy-Johnson Administration, I suggest that there apparently would be few actions of a Goldwater Administration deserving our support. In short, I believe the issues decided this November are so vital to our country that few people can afford to be neutral.

The unifying force in our efforts to date has been the enormous concern in the scientific, engineering, and medical communities about this election. It appears that for the first time in American politics, the technical professionals are interested in demonstrating their opinion through serious political action rather than remote brain-trusting.

I believe it to be essential that the Goldwater-Miller ticket not only be defeated in the November election but that the magnitude of the defeat be such that the political philosophy of the proponents of that ticket is clearly precluded as a possible avenue of development of American political life.

When the ratification of the nuclear test ban treaty was under discussion, a large majority of the American Nobel laureates indicated their very strong support for the ratification of the treaty. It is my belief that the statement by some of the most respected figures in American Science helped to create the favorable climate in which the treaty was ratified. I believe that in the present election the known public support of these same men will again contribute to the success of the outcome.

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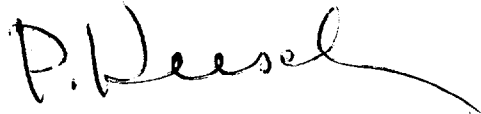
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I am writing to you to ask that you become formally identified as a member of Scientists and Engineers for Johnson-Humphrey. I would also like to solicit your financial support for the work of the organization. Many of the tasks, such as writing, are being done by volunteers. We need help for printing, secretarial services, publicity and other costs. It is appropriate to add that I have been so struck by the lack of ambiguity in the only possible, rational choice in the election, that I have made the first substantial financial contribution of my life to a political party.

In the event that circumstances preclude both identification as a member of the group and financial contributions, either would be welcome.

Please respond to Dr. Donald MacArthur, Scientists and Engineers for Johnson-Humphrey, 1106 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Washington, D. C. 20036. Checks should be made payable to Scientists and Engineers for Johnson-Humphrey. I hope that you will find it possible to join us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'P. Kusch', with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

P. Kusch

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